## MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

PATENT 3003-1115-1

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Rodney Alan CROSS et al. Conf. 7245

Application No. 10/565,172 Group 3676

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IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO NON-CONTACTING FACE SEALS AND THRUST BEARINGS

## AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents January 26, 2009 P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed October 24, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.